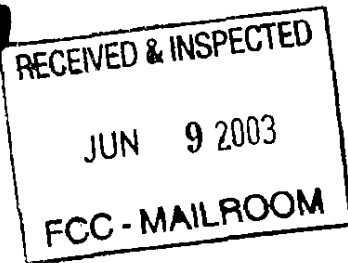




SOUTHWEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

Founded 1898



SOUTHWEST TEXAS
TELEPHONE COMPANY

P.O. BOX 128

ROCKSPRINGS, TEXAS 78880

Telephone (830) 683-2111 FAX (830) 683-4190

June 2, 2003

To: Irene Flannery
Vice President – High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2120 L Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20037

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re.: CC Docket No. 96-45;
ICLS 2003 Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that SOUTHWEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY ("the company") will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended. I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below.

| <u>Company Name</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Study Area No.</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Southwest Texas Telephone Company | Texas | 44-2135 |

Signed,

Date: June 2, 2003

GARY C. GILMER

President

Southwest Texas Telephone Company

P. O. Box 128

Rocksprings, TX 78880

0

CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED